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In re Application of:

John C. SMITH

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OPTICAL FIBER AND CABLES
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) Group Art Unit: 2839
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, please reexamine and reconsider the Application in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, claims 1-22 are pending in this case.

A listing of claims is included in this paper. Remarks follow the listing of claims section of this paper.

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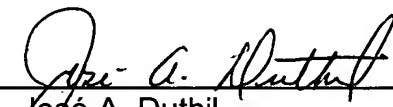
Enclosed is a Reply to Office Action of September 24, 2003. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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